

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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RONALD VENTURA,

Plaintiff,

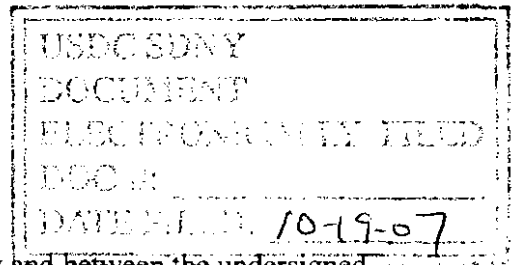
-against-

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MERRILL
LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.,
and HENRY BLODGET,

Defendants.
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STIPULATION AND ORDER



IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by ~~and between the undersigned~~

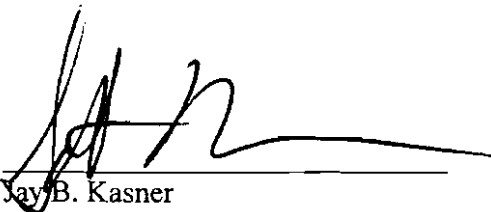
counsel for the parties hereto that plaintiff's time to respond to defendants' motion to dismiss is extended until and including October 29, 2007. Defendants' time to serve any reply papers is extended until and including November 19, 2007. No previous request for an extension of time for these dates has been made.

Dated: New York, New York
October 10, 2007



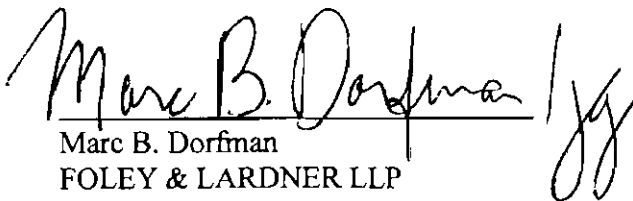
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marc B. Dorfman" followed by a stylized flourish.

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SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John F. Keenan" over a horizontal line.

U.S.D.J.

DATED: October 19, 2007